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In re Patent Application of

Hiraku Murayama et al.

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Title: GUIDE WIRE

Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: JEFFREY GERBEN HOEKSTRA

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## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

.⊨nc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
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	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
	Applicant(s) previously submitted
	on,
	for which continued examination is requested.
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below		An additional clain	n fee is required,	and is calculated	as shown below
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Total Claims	11	MINUS	20 =	0	x	\$50.00 (12	02) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	MINUS	3 =	0	x	\$200.00 (120	01) =	\$ 0.00	
If Amendment adds m	ultiple depen	dent claim	s, add	\$360.00 (1203)				
Total Claim Amendment Fee						\$ 0.00		
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0.00		

A check in the amount	of	is enclosed for the fee due.
Charge	to Deposit Acco	unt No. 02-4800.
Charge	to credit card.	Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 27, 2005, the following remarks are submitted.

The Official Action indicates sets forth two different election of species requirements, one involving Species I illustrated in Fig. 1 and Species II shown in Fig. 5, and the other involving Species A illustrated in Figs. 1 and 6 and Species B shown in Figs. 7, 8 and 10.

The undersigned did not fully understand the two elections of species requirements and thus telephoned Examiner Hoekstra in early November to obtain clarification. Examiner Hoekstra explained that the first election of species is based on the observation that the claims are directed to two different embodiments of a guide wire. One embodiment (Species II) involves the embodiment of the guide wire shown in Figs. 11 and 12 in which one of the wires includes a tubular wire. The other embodiment (Species I) involves a wire which is not tubular.

The other election of species requirement involves the way in which adjacent wires of the guide wire are connected to one another. Here, one species (Species